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*GOVT PLANS MINIMUM LEVEL OF GREEN ENERGY FOR FACTORIES*

**Power ministry proposes tweaking law to make industries use a minimum share of renewable energy for electricity needs**

**DEVELOPING A CARBON MARKET IN INDIA**

The proposed amendments to the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 are intended to "enhance demand for renewable energy at the end-use sectors such as industry, buildings, transport etc," the Ministry of Power said in a statement. They would also help in the development of a carbon market and the promotion of green hydrogen as a fossil-fuel alternative

**INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR**

- The proposal comes in the wake of India rejecting net-zero carbon targets as the solution for the global climate crisis
- Though a minimum-use percentage hasn't been specified, the power ministry said carbon-saving certificates will be issued to companies. Carbon credits will also be given as extra incentives

**Today**

**COP26, U.N.'s CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS, OPENS IN GLASGOW, SCOTLAND**

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# PM Modi meets Pope, invites him to India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Pope Francis at the Vatican City on Saturday | PTI

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi met Pope Francis at the Vatican on Saturday, the first meeting between an Indian PM and the Pope in more than two decades, and invited the 84-year-old pontiff to visit India at the earliest convenient date. The meeting, originally scheduled for 20 minutes, went on for an hour as the two leaders discussed a wide range of issues, including the immediate challenges posed by the pandemic and climate change.

The invitation "was accepted with pleasure", the Ministry of External Affairs said, but there was no immediate confirmation from the Vatican. "The cordial relations between the Holy See and India were discussed," said a brief note issued by the Holy See Press office.

Pope Francis wanted to visit India in 2017 but could not due to procedural and scheduling issues. John Paul II was the last Pope to visit India in 1999.

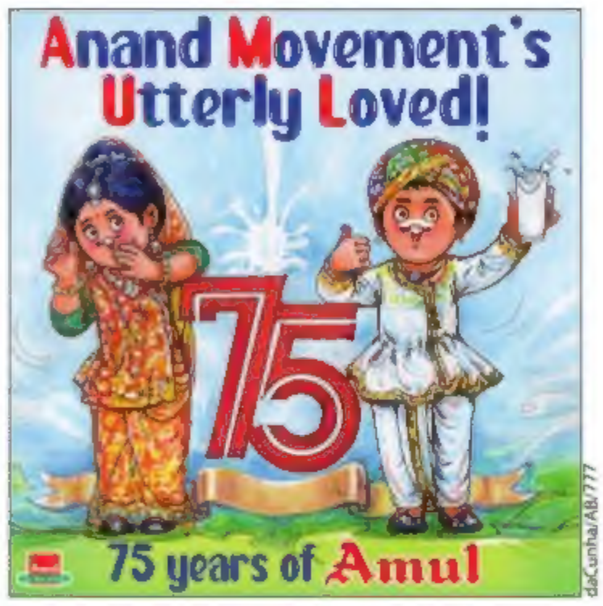
**G20 BACKS GLOBAL MINIMUM CORPORATE TAX**

G20 leaders have formally endorsed the global landmark agreement for a minimum 15% corporate tax, seeking to stop large corporations from moving profits and jobs across borders to evade taxes. P9,12

On Saturday, Modi gave Pope a silver candelabra and a book on climate change. The pontiff reciprocated with a collection of his main teachings and a bronze medallion featuring a tree with the inscription "The desert will become a garden". "Thank you very much for your visit," Francis said to Modi in English, holding his hands, adding: "I am happy."

"Had a very warm meeting with Pope Francis," Modi tweeted.

The last time an Indian PM visited the Vatican was in 2000, when late Atal Bihari Vajpayee met Pope John Paul II. Modi is on a two-day visit to Rome for the G20 summit.




## Congress making Modi powerful: Didi

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@ Mumbai

FAULTLINES in the opposition once again came to the fore on Saturday when West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee alleged that the Congress was making Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP "more powerful" by acting as the party's publicist.

"Modiji is going to be more powerful because of the Congress... because the Congress is the BJP's TRP (television rating points). If they (the Congress) cannot take a decision, the country will suffer. Why (should) the country suffer, they have had enough opportunities," the Trinamool Congress party chief said.

She also ruled out any possibility of an alliance with the Congress but said regional parties should come together to defeat the BJP in Goa. Mamata is in Goa on a three-day visit ahead of the assembly polls next year and has inducted several people, including tennis star Leander Paes.

Mamata accused the Congress of failing to recognise the need for opposition unity before the West Bengal assembly polls in April-May.

"The Congress turned down a chance to ally with the Trinamool, opting instead to work with the Left and the controversial Indian Secular Front. Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury grandly declared that there will not be any BJP or Trinamool, only the grand alliance will remain," she said. "I am not going to discuss the Congress because that is not my party."

**FINAL JOURNEY TODAY**

Superstar Puneeth Rajkumar's last rites will take place with state honours on Sunday morning. His body will be carried to Kanteerava Studios, where he will be laid to rest next to his parents Dr Rajkumar and Parvathamma Rajkumar. P4

**HAD SEEN FAMILY DOCTOR**

Physician and cardiologist Dr B Ramana Rao had tended to actor Puneeth Rajkumar from the age of eight till his last day on Friday. Puneeth, along with his wife Ashwini, had met Dr Rao on October 29, before he was rushed to Vikram Hospital. P4

# FANS MOURN LOSS OF FAMILY MEMBER

Actor Shivarajkumar consoles Dhriti, Puneeth Rajkumar's daughter, at Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru, on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

BOSKY KHANNA & DONNA EVA
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"WHEN there is a death in the family, we do not cook food at home," said Lakshmamma, a fan of popular actor Puneeth Rajkumar, who passed away on Friday. Stoves did not burn at many homes in Bengaluru for the second day in a row following Puneeth's death, whom the fans considered their own family.

At many localities across the city, community food was being cooked and served to those mourning the actor's death. Though it was the weekend, traffic was thin in parts of Bengaluru on Saturday as all roads from across Karnataka led to Kanteerava Stadium, where the mortal remains of the actor were kept for public viewing.

"We have not cooked to show our love for him. It feels like I have lost my brother," said Lakshmamma.

Shocked by the actor's death, four fans across the state died since Friday. The actor's family announced that the last rites of Puneeth will be held with state honours on Sunday at Kanteerava Studios. He will be laid to rest next to his parents around 10.30 am. Fans will be allowed to pay their last respects at Kanteerava Stadium till 6 am.

At the stadium on Saturday, thousands of people, chanting, cheering and crying, gathered to say final goodbye to Puneeth. With all gates but one closed, Vittal Mallya Road was jampacked with his followers trying to get in. P4

*Stuck in traffic, gunman requested cops to make way*

BENGALURU: Yet to come to terms with his favourite person's passing away, Chalapathi, the gunman of actor Puneeth Rajkumar, said, "The car that was carrying Puneeth was stuck in a traffic jam at Vasanthnagar. I ran ahead and requested the traffic policemen to clear the vehicles immediately as Puneeth was being shifted to Vikram Hospital. The policemen did that, but we could not save the Power Star." Chalapathi said the popular actor was humble to his fans. "He always requested us not to push away and injure the fans, who would have thronged his house or events. He was a lovely person." **ENS**

## For Guledgudda artisans, weaves turn weeps

**Inspired by Badami**

Guledgudda Khana is a fabric that has distinct patterns inspired by nature, folk art and stone architecture of Badami caves, which are close to this place. The fabric is weaved with the finest cotton and silk yarns.

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THERE is a sad story unspooling behind "Guledgudda Khana", the traditional fabric from Guledgugga taluk of Bagalkot district that has its own GI tag. The demand for the fine cloth had been dipping over the last few years, and the pandemic made it only worse.

Many weavers, who were pursuing the traditional and ancestral craft, had sold their handlooms and moved to Bengaluru in search of livelihoods. They ended up becoming security guards, hotel and bar employees and constructions workers, earning meagre sums.

A weaver creates Guledgudda Khana on his loom in Bagalkot district | EXPRESS

When Covid-induced restrictions were announced, these weavers wanted to move back to their villages and continue with their traditional profession. But sadly, there are not enough looms and work to absorb them all. The taluk that had over 8,000 handlooms a few years ago has just around 200 now. "The reason is also that while most old homes had looms, the newly renovated ones do not, as they have tiles on the floor and villagers feel looms damage the flooring. While they were self-employed earlier, they now look for jobs with those who have more number of looms," said one of the weavers. P7

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| NATIONWIDE | OCT 29 | OCT 30 | KARNATAKA | OCT 29 | OCT 30 |
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| Fresh cases | 14,348 | 14,313 | Fresh cases | 381 | 347 |
| Recoveries | 13,198 | 13,543 | Recoveries | 305 | 255 |
| Deaths | 805 | 549 | Deaths | 7 | 10 |

EXPRESS READ

**SINDAGI, HANAGAL BYPOLLS SEE SIZEABLE VOTER TURNOUT**

BENGALURU: An estimated voter turnout of 69.41 per cent and 83.72 per cent was recorded at Sindagi and Hanagal, respectively on Saturday, when both the constituencies went to polls. Polling began at 7 am and ended at 7 pm. A total of 19 candidates are in the fray in the two constituencies, including six from Sindagi and 13 from Hanagal. The bypolls have been necessitated following the death of Sindagi JDS legislator MC Managuli and BJP's CM Udasi from Hanagal. The votes will be counted on November 2. P4

BATTING FOR BOWLER

## *Kohli slams 'spineless' trolls targeting Shami*

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

WHEN Mohammed Shami was subjected to online abuse after the loss to Pakistan, the team was silent while former India players rallied behind him.

During the pre-match interaction on Saturday, **Virat Kohli** supported his teammate. He called the trolls spineless. Speaking publicly for the first time since the incident, Kohli came down hard on those who abused Shami over his faith.

"To me attacking someone over their religion is the most, I would say, pathetic thing that a human being can do," Kohli said. "That is a very personal and a sacred thing to every human being and that should be left there. They have no understanding of the fact that someone like Mohammed Shami has won India 'n' number of matches in the last few years and he's been our primary bowler with Jasprit Bumrah when it comes to making an impact in games, in Test cricket. I mean, if people can overlook that and his passion for the country, I honestly don't even want to waste one minute of my life to give any attention to those people." P17